

DDA Registry

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16 September 1974

NOTE FOR: Chief, History Staff

Walt:

In line with our telephonic discussion
of 16 September 1974, I would very much appreciate:

- A. Any thoughts you might have on
the bicentennial program.
- B. Your comments on paragraph two
of the attached memo from Angus
Thuermer.



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Att: DDA 74-3466

6 September 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: DDA

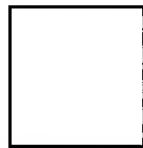
SUBJECT: Various Photo's

Two suggestions involving photo's:

1) I think that the letters announcing to survivors the fact of the Memorial Stars on the wall of our main entrance should be accompanied by an artistically done photograph of the wall, either in color or black and white, whichever looks most dignified.

2) It is time again, I think, for historical purposes to have [redacted] come in and do a series of candid Morning Meeting pictures. There are enough new faces for this to be worthwhile.

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Angus MacLean Thuermer
Assistant to the Director

74-3812

20 September 1974

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TO:

1. The Agency's role in the nation's bicentennial program should, in my opinion, be determined by the nature of the general program as developed by the bicentennial commission. I have heard of no concrete plans yet, but surely in due course, instructions and advice will flow to government offices about dutiful celebration of our 200th birthday.

2. For the Agency to gear up now would, I think, be premature. First, we are not celebrating 200 years of the Agency, and I think it would be pretentious to crank up a review of American intelligence since the Revolution. After all, don't we always pride ourselves on the fact that the Agency was founded in 1947 because we hadn't had any worthwhile intelligence previously? Second, who's the audience? If it's Agency personnel, I believe we've had historical displays aplenty. By 1976, I doubt we'll have all that many new faces. Third, these things get expensive (witness the Cuban missile display). They take a lot of resources. Fourth, we may be spinning our wheels on a lot of unnecessary work which may or may not fit into the commission's plans.

3. I recommend that Angus call the bicentennial commission and see where they stand first.

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4 New subject. Candid morning meeting pictures. has taken pictures of the morning meeting since Colby's accession and is quite prepared to do so again on request. He does point out that he sent the proofs to Colby's secretary months ago and received no response. (The same thing happened to Colby's color photograph, taken when he was Executive Director.) ✓

I consider a picture of the morning meeting of minor historical significance, but a current one could be filed with the other pictures we have inherited [redacted]

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I recommend [redacted] ask the Director if he wants a current picture of the morning meeting. If he does, [redacted] will be happy to oblige.

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WALTER ELDER
Chief, CIA History Staff

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COMMENT		FILE	RETURN
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Remarks:

Please note the comments of [redacted]
prepared in response to a suggestion by
Angus Thuermer. In effect, we might find out
[redacted] what happened to the earlier
prints, before we start shooting again.

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